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Training: Introduction to Environmental Enforcement

The Western States Project is offering training on "Introduction to Environmental Enforcement" April 8-10 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, California. The Western States Project is also offering a limited number of scholarships to the class. These scholarships will cover registration, travel and per diem. Applications are being processed by Cal/EPA. **You must apply to Cal EPA by February 28th, 2008.** In order to receive a scholarship you must have the approval of your supervisor. Actual reimbursement will be handled by the Western States Project.

To apply, send an email to Diane Trujillo at dtrujill@calepa.ca.gov with the following information:

Name
Title
Agency
Email address
Mailing address
Phone number
Supervisor's name
Supervisor's email address
Supervisor's phone number
Duties (particularly as they relate to enforcement)
Have you ever received a Cal/EPA or Western States scholarship before? If so, when?

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Aboveground Petroleum Tank Program Grant Deadline

The deadline for submitting the grant application is fast approaching. The completed grant applications need to be received no later than March 1, 2008, at the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). An extension to the deadline will be considered if needed, but the CUPA must request this before March 1, 2008. For additional information, go to <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Aboveground/>, or contact John Paine at (916) 327-5092 or jpaine@calepa.ca.gov.

Conducting More Effective Interviews: A Course for Inspectors

This one day course has been developed specifically to assist environmental regulatory/inspector personnel in improving their interviewing skills. The course is sponsored by Cal/EPA and the Western States Project and will be offered April 1 in Santa Barbara, April 2 in Riverside and April 4 in Carlsbad. This information is also on the Cal EPA enforcement training website at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Training/>.

The course is free, but to attend you must apply and be approved by Cal/EPA and your supervisor to attend. Each course is limited to 50 participants. To sign up for this course, email Diane Trujillo of Cal/EPA at: dtrujill@calepa.ca.gov. Please indicate in your email the date and location where you would like to attend. Each class is expected to be full, so please only sign up if you are sure you will attend.

The course instructor is Billy Zeh. Mr. Zeh's law enforcement career spanned twenty years with the United States Park Police, Department of the Interior. He worked as an Instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. Mr. Zeh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

15th Annual Cal/EPA Environmental Enforcement Symposium

The 15th Annual Cal/EPA Environmental Enforcement Symposium will be held May 27-May 30, 2008 in Long Beach, CA. This Symposium is designed to be advanced training for regulators, investigators and attorneys in environmental enforcement issues in all programs. This program is open to all including the public. For more information, see <http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/enfsym.htm>

Cal/EPA is offering a limited number of scholarships to this Symposium. The scholarships are available only to state, local and tribal environmental enforcement staff. To apply for a scholarship, please email the following information to Diane Trujillo-Carrillo at dtrujill@calepa.ca.gov no later than **Friday March 28, 2008**.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Name
Title
Agency
Email address
Mailing address
Phone number
Supervisor's name
Supervisor's email address
Supervisor's phone number
Duties (particularly as they relate to enforcement)
Have you ever received a Cal/EPA Scholarship before? If so, when?
Did you attend the Symposium last year?
Have you ever attended the Symposium?
Are you requesting a "registration only" or "full" scholarship?

Scholarship award notifications will be sent out by email. Please be informed that scholarships provide for reimbursement of expenses and reimbursements average 8 weeks after the training event. Be advised that the last four digits of your social security number are required for reimbursement. If you are unwilling to provide that information, or to wait 8 weeks for reimbursement, please do not apply. Please get your supervisor's approval before applying and check your schedule to make sure you can attend the entire Symposium. You must attend the entire Symposium, and take an exam on the last day in order to have your expenses reimbursed.

State Water Resources Control Board

Enhanced Leak Detection Notifications

The last notifications for ELD testing are scheduled to go out by the end of February (383 new notifications, 95 withdrawal of notification, and 163 notice of non-compliance letters). It is anticipated that there will be testing firms available to handle the required testing. Copies of these letters will be mailed to the CUPAs/PAs. With this round of notifications, there may be an abundance of Requests for Reconsiderations, and CUPAs will be asked to verify information about locations of tanks, etc. as these requests are processed. Please make every effort to verify the information when asked, and to provide timely responses. Your help in these matters are always greatly appreciated and essential to making the process go smoothly.

UST Program Contact: Terry Brazell (tbrazell@waterboards.ca.gov ; 916-341-5645).

Status of Proposed UST Rulemaking

The proposed Title 23 regulations, and Title 27 UST forms and Report 6 are now final. PDF versions of the UST forms and new regulations have been sent to the CUPAs. Word versions of the UST forms will be available on the Cal/EPA website. Hard copies of the Title 23 regulations will be available at the conference. The website will be updated shortly with the new forms and Regs. The web link for the Title 23 rulemaking package is: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/regulatory/rulemaking/regs_proposed.html . The web link for the Title 27 rulemaking package is: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/LawsRegs/ProposedRegs/UPCF/Default.htm>

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Clarification of Existing Regulations for Under-Dispenser Containment Letter

On December 21, 2007 the State Water Board sent out a letter to CUPAs titled Clarification of Existing Regulations for Under-Dispenser Containment. In the letter, it is noted that it has come to our attention that there have been instances of incorrect application of under-dispenser containment (UDC) regulations when owners or operators are installing or replacing dispensers. The attached letter clarifies existing regulations for UDC.

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